

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	20268	Agenda Number	5.
Meeting Date:	11/8/2012		Department:	Austin Water Utility
Subject				
Approve a resolution requesting that the Lower Colorado River Authority seek an Emergency Order from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for 2013 to protect municipal drinking water supplies during the ongoing drought.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Teresa Lutes, 972-0179; Denise Avery, 972-0104			
Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				
<p>The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) is responsible for managing and operating lakes Travis and Buchanan in accordance with a Water Management Plan (WMP) or emergency orders approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). During 2012 LCRA has operated under an emergency order from TCEQ due to on-going drought conditions. Due to dry conditions, this resulted in LCRA retaining water in the Highland Lakes that otherwise would have been released for interruptible customers downstream in 2012. Dry conditions have persisted in 2012 and the City of Austin seeks to have LCRA request an Emergency Order from TCEQ for 2013 that authorizes LCRA to depart from LCRA's current WMP and adjust curtailment amounts for interruptible supplies according to an Emergency Order.</p>				

